the Mandatory Certification Scheme of the ISI; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following items affecting health and safety of consumers have been identified and brought under ISI Compulsory Certification Scheme. The effective dates from which the ISI Compulsory Certifica-. tion Scheme will come into operation are indicated against each item: —

	Effective date
1. Oil Pressure Stoves	1.4.1986
2. Condensed Milk	4.7.1986
3. Milk Powder	4.7.1986

The following 7 additional items affecting the safety of consumers have also been identified by the Government and the requisite Notification will be issued by the Department of Industrial Development: —

1. Electric Immersion Water Heaters;
2. Electric Irons;
3. Electric Stoves;
4. Electric Radiators;
5. Switches for domestic and similar purposes;
6. 2 Amps Switches for domestic and similar purposes;
7. 3-pin plugs and socket outlets.

Income Tax Arrears of Public Sector Undertakings

2215. SHRI. DINKARRAO GOVIND RAO PATIL;
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 30 Public Sector Undertaking owe Rs. one crore as Income Tax;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the arrears; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to recover the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir. There were 28 Uublic Undertakings against whom the income-tax demand exceeding Rs. 1 crore was outstanding as on 30.6.1985.

(b) The demand remained outst anding mainly due to the appeals pending before the Appellate Autho rities and Courts.

(c) Depending upon the facts and circumstances of each case, appro priate steps according to law, are taken to recover the demand outst anding. These steps include resort- ing to proceedings under sections 226(3), 179 and 222 of the Income-tax Act.

Applications for Loans under IRDP

2216. SHRI PARVATHANENI UP-ENDRA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the applications for loans recommended under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) have been cleared.

(b) if not, how many applications are still pending in various States;

(c) whether Government have recently instructed Branch Managers of banks dealing with the IRDP loans to meet all those persons who applied for loans but could not secure the same so far; and

(d) if so, how many such contacts were made so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) Instructions have been issued to the banks that all IRDP loan applications received from the

District Rural Development Agencies ! (DRDA'S). should be disposed of within a period of fourteen days. It is possible that inspite of these instructions some applications would be pending for a period of more than 14 days as the banks have to identi. fy the borrower, ascertain his eligibility, determine the viability of the scheme, etc. Some-times receipt of applications in a bunch .also leads to i delay in sanction. The RBI has reported that its present data reort-ing system does not yield information regarding number of loan appli-• cations pending with the banlc branches in the various States.

(c) and (d) In connection with observance of 14th December 1985 as Rural Development Day Government had advised the banks that the Branch Managers should arrange a meeting of the beneficiaries/applicants for IRDP loans for the redressal of their gi'ievances. However, as the Branch Manager was not required to keep a record of the number of beneficiaries who were contacted, it is not possible to indicate the number of persons with whom contact was made in these meetings.

Lie Investment in Housing etc.

2217. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKH. ERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total LIC investment in housing and in the industrial enterprises of each of the 20 large in. dustrial houses as at the end of March, 1985; and

, (b) what is the state-wise LIC investment in housing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) (a) LIC's investment in 20 large industrial houses at the end ol March, 1085 was as underl —

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the House	Amount outstanding/ book value as at 31-3-1985
1. Tata	103·30
2. Birla	62·78
3. Mafatlal	20·32
4. J.K. Singhania	19·28
5. Thapar	12·02
6. AC.C.	2·04
7. I.C.I.	11·44
8. Sarabhai	5·22
9. Bangur	7·90
10. Kirloskar	6·67
11. Reliance	3·88
12. Shri Ram	10·08
13. Ashok Leyland	19·68
14. Hindustan Lever	2·51
15. Modi	12·02
16. Scindia	0·75
17. T.V.S. Iyengar	1·62
18. Mahindra and Mahindra	19·34
19. Larsen and Toubro	25·20
20. Bajaj	6·83
	375·88

(a) Lie's investment in Housing aS on 31-3-1985 was Rs 1777.66 crores, out of which Rs. 1408.80 crores was advanced to State Governments/ Apex Housing Finance Societies.